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SLOCKWOOD; WHA/PDA - JCARPENTER-ROCK
MONTREAL, TORONTO AND VANCOUVER FOR PAOS;
HALIFAX AND QUEBEC FOR CONGENS;
CALGARY FOR FIELD REPS; CALGARY PLEASE PASS TO WINNIPEG

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: **KPAO QEXC SCUL CA IV**
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP MRP on International Crime Issues -
June 29-July 20, 2006 - Steve Rai (Principal Candidate)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

Post is pleased to nominate Steve Rai, Sergeant in the Vancouver Police Department, for subject project. This project supports the Mission goal of combating international crime. Mr. Rai has full country team approval. EVDB-formatted nomination follows.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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POST-EMAIL: slw@pd.state.gov

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VRW

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 358

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Rai, Steve - MRP International Crime Issues, June 29-July 20, 2006

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

DEPART-POST: 6/28/2006

SESSION-DATE: 6/29/2006

RETURN-POST: 7/21/2006

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 5

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

Steve Rai is a 38 year old, highly motivated leader within the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) with excellent potential to move up in the ranks. During his tenure as a police officer, he has risen to the rank of sergeant while working not only as a street level officer but also as a recruiter, negotiator and liaison to the Indo-Canadian community. Sergeant Rai is one of the youngest sergeants in the Vancouver Police and has been identified by VPD management as a probable future senior manager. His willingness to understand U.S. culture and views and his potential to influence both cross-border policing and his community make him an outstanding candidate for the IV program.

Sergeant Rai is an ethnic Sikh Pungabi East Indian and is extensively involved with the 230,000 member Vancouver Indo-Canadian community where he acts as the VPD liaison. He has been involved in numerous high profile investigations of Indo-Canadian organized criminal groups who routinely target the U.S. with criminal attacks on U.S. financial payment systems and smuggling of illegal drugs. The Indo-Canadian community controls most of the British Columbia trucking industry that ships a huge amount of legitimate and illegitimate exports to/from the U.S. each day including vast amounts of B.C. grown marijuana and other contraband. Furthermore, Indo-Canadian gangs are responsible for high-dollar counterfeit debit and credit card attacks on U.S. financial institutions. The Indo-Canadian gangs involved in these organized criminal activities are highly volatile and have accounted for an inordinate amount of violent crime including more than 50 homicides in the past six years. Canadian and U.S. law enforcement and B.C. government officials have identified the illicit activities of Indo-Canadian gangs as a major criminal and social problem and expend considerable resources on investigating and preventing their criminal and violent actions which often have a major impact on the U.S. Sgt. Rai is an influential partner in these efforts.

Sgt. Rai not only uses his knowledge of Indo-Canadian

culture and his skills as a Punjabi and Hindi speaker to investigate criminal activities in that community but he is also proactive in improving the relationship between Indo-Canadians and others. He devotes both professional and personal time to various community boards, safety committees and focus groups. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Studies from the University of British Columbia and has continued to enhance his knowledge of Asian issues by traveling extensively to India and other Asian countries to further his education.

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In conclusion, Sgt. Rai is a valuable contact for the federal law enforcement agencies at the Vancouver U.S. Consulate and is on track to becoming a senior manager within the Vancouver Police Department. His sphere of influence includes not only VPD and their policies concerning cooperation with U.S. law enforcement on cross-border counter-terrorism, drug smuggling, financial crimes, human trafficking and other criminal investigations but also, as a leader in the Indo-Canadian community, includes influence within the second largest ethnic group in B.C. and their understanding of U.S. goals and policies. The IVP would benefit Sgt. Rai because although he has an exceptional amount of experience and education for a law enforcement official of his age, he has had very little exposure to the U.S. culture and policies. Sgt. Rai has never lived in the U.S. nor has he traveled there much. The IVP program would provide this exceptional young professional with an understanding of U.S. culture and views and serve as the cornerstone for the pursuit of common goals with him, his profession and his community.

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

We recommend that Mr. Rai participate in an MRP on international crime. There are two possibilities--The EU MRP on Combatting International Crime scheduled for Sep. 25 - Oct. 13, 2006 or the MRP on International Crime Issues scheduled for Jun 29 - July 20, 2006.

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1037

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 88501

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Law Enforcement

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Steve

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Rai

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 100

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

GENDER: M

DOB: 05/04/1966

MAR-STAT: U

BIRTH-CITY: Punjab

BIRTH-CNTRY: India

CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada

RES-CNTRY: Canada

START MEMO POSITION:

Sergeant - Vancouver Police Department

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

Constable - Vancouver Police Department

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

October, 2004 - Las Vegas Police Critical Incident Advanced Training Course

2000, 2001 and 2003 - Vacations at Disneyland

1999 - Hawaii vacation

No U.S. government funded trips

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Middle East-Jordan and Egypt 1999

India 1995, 1998, 2001

Singapore 1995, 1998

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies, University of British Columbia

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

none

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: English

ENGL-READ: 5

ENGL-SPEAK: 5

ENGL-COMP: 5

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: Hindi

OTHER-LANG-ID: HJ

READ: 2

SPEAK: 2

COMP: 2

END OTHER-LANGS:

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: Other

OTHER-LANG-ID: YZ

READ: 5

SPEAK: 5

COMP: 5

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START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Thomas Musselwhite - USSS et al

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END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ConGen Vancouver

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE: ELEO

NOMINEE-ID: 529

PERSON-ID: 408

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: IN

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CA

RES-CNTRY-ID: CA

FIRST-LANG-ID: EN

E-I-TYPE-ID: E

NOM-POST-ID: 88501

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

NOM-STATUS: N

DS2019-ACTION: 1

DS2019-SUBJECT: 22.9999

SPONS-FUNDS: 0

SPONS-AGENCY1:

USGOVT-AGENCY1:

US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0

USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

INTL-ORG1:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0

INTL-ORG2:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT: 5

END BIO:

END NOMINATION:

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